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## HAVOC AND DEATH

Is the Story of a Day the Telegraph Tells.

### GREAT BLAZE AT SOUTH CHICAGO.

Two Hundred Houses Laid Low, 5,000 People Homeless, and \$500,000 in Property in Ashes.

Five Blocks of Residences Licked Up in Two Hours, and the Docks, Lumber Yards, and Coal Sheds Imperilled—Terrible Loss of Life on the Atlantic Coast—Forty-seven Sailors Drowned in a Gale That Does Great Damage Ashore—The Record of Disaster.

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—A fire which in the extent of the territory it covered almost rivals, comparatively, Chicago's historic conflagration, has swept that part of the city known as South Chicago. The 50,000 people comprising the inhabitants of the town were precipitated into a panic second only to that which characterized the conflagration of 1871. The loss is estimated at \$500,000. 200 houses were destroyed, and people were rendered homeless. The fire started near a three-story brick building at the corner of Nine-first street and Superior avenue and within two hours had consumed at least 200 buildings and five blocks of the greatest industrial suburb of Chicago. Among the first buildings to fall were the First Methodist church at the corner of Ninety-first and Superior avenue and the German Lutheran church on the opposite corner.

Help Sent From the City. Hardly had three more pretentious structures been leveled to the ground than the fire was detected blazing in a dozen places farther east. After Superior avenue, the flames reached and crossed Ontario avenue, Buffalo avenue, Mackinaw avenue and Green Bay avenue to the lake. The local fire department was powerless to check the progress of the fire and when engines and fire tugs were sent from this city their efforts were directed to the saving the immense lumber yards lying within a few blocks of the fire. The district between Superior avenue and the lake was filled with frame structures that burned rapidly as the strong wind carried clouds of smoke laden with sparks and embers in all directions. The steeples of the two large churches had hardly toppled over before the whole area of five blocks was full of small fires.

Panic of the Inhabitants. As the fire structures in which lived the workmen employed in the large steel mills and in which the smaller merchants of the place had their homes were leveled in the ravages of the fire, those whose homes had not yet fallen fled with their goods and household chattels to the other portions of the city. Streets were blocked with wagons containing the effects of the frightened and fleeing residents, and men and women, appalled by the calamity, fled in every direction. Before the scores of engines had made the least appreciable effect upon the progress of the flames the docks of the Sunday Creek Coal company at Harbor avenue and the river were burning. Over 100,000 tons of coal were stored in the bins belonging to this company, which extend for 500 feet along the river front.

Hardly Time to Save Their Lives. At the same moment the A. R. Beck lumber yards, with dock frontage almost as extensive, were found to be burning. When the fire began in the coal yards every engine that could be spared, and the powerful steamer Yosemite as soon as it reached the harbor, was brought to fight the conflagration. After a hard fight the fire was subdued at the docks. From beginning to end the flames spread with amazing rapidity. Starting, as was the most accepted theory among the citizens of South Chicago, from a smoldering bonfire, the fire spread with such rapidity that families had barely time enough in some instances to escape with their lives. Cottages were swept away, their owners and occupants not able even to save their household effects.

Two Boys Caused the Trouble. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon, according to the statements made by those who claim to be possessed of the facts, two boys were playing in the yard back of William Gillis' house on the north side of Ninety-first street, between Ontario and Superior avenues. They had been baking potatoes and, tired of the sport, left the dying embers to resume their play in another part of the yard. They did not see that the live coals were blown in several directions by the wind that swept lakeward and no thought of danger entered their minds. A piece of blazing wood, it is claimed, was blown near the high board fence and from thence communicated to a barn containing two tons of hay. From thence it swept the town.

### FORTY SEVEN SAILORS GO DOWN.

Three Wrecks of Fishing Schooners Reported on the Atlantic. NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The fishing schooner Empire State, with a crew of ten men, and Ella M. Johnson, with a crew of eight men, went down off Manasquan on the Jersey coast and all on board were lost. These two vessels were in company with the Chocorua at midnight when the storm struck them, and after beating around all night in some of the worst weather known off the coast, and with the loss of the captain and her first mate, the Chocorua has tied up, the only survivor of the three. The crew of the Chocorua say that no small boat could possibly live in the sea that was running at the time and the dories on board could have been of no possible use to the crews of the two vessels.

The steamer Eggleston Abbey, from Cardiff reports a rough passage. On Aug. 22, at 6 p. m., Captain Barnett observed some wreckage and bearing down towards it saw a man clinging to a part of a broken boat and an empty barrel. A boat was quickly lowered and the man was rescued in an exhausted condition. He proved to be George H. Upton, one of the crew of the

fishing schooner Mary Lizzie, of Portland, Me., which foundered at 9 a. m. on Aug. 21, having been in the water thirty-three hours. The rest of the crew, six in number, one of whom was his brother, had perished.

Telegrams from New Haven say that 300 beautiful and stately elm trees were leveled by the storm there, and that there was much other damage at sea and ashore, but no life lost. From Milford and New Bedford, Mass.; Providence, R. I.; Portland, Me., and many other places inshore and on the coast reports come of heavy damage to all kinds of property. Happily there was little loss of life and few persons injured.

Twenty-one More Men Drowned. SOUTHAMPTON, I. L., Aug. 25.—Two vessels, a coal barge and a towing vessel were wrecked off the coast at this point, following in the wake of the severe storm. Up to the present writing six men from the wrecked vessels have washed ashore out of a total crew of twenty-one men on both vessels.

### STEAM MANGLE EXPLODES.

Nine Persons Scalded, Two of Whom Will Die.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—A steam mangle in the Hell Gate steam laundry, at 248 East One Hundred and Fourth street, exploded and scalded eight girls, two of whom, it is said, will die. The injured are: Lena Uhl, scalded about limbs and body, will die; Ellen Vanderbeck, Kate Kane, Kate Vanderbeck, Manie Vanderbeck, and Maggie Vanderbeck, scalded about the legs and arms; Grace Fox, of Brooklyn, body and arms scalded; Harry Fox, of Brooklyn, cut on the head and face.

The explosion was caused by an over-pressure of steam in the cylinder of the steam mangle. The force of the explosion was terrific. At the time of the explosion fourteen girls were working in the room. Lena and Katie Uhl were working at the mangle. The laundry occupies the basement of the building, which is a five-story brick structure. Seventy persons were in the building at the time of the explosion and the greatest excitement prevailed. Fire followed the explosion, but it was quickly extinguished. The engineer thinks the steam gauge was out of order and failed to register the pressure. The front of the building was wrecked.

### Disastrous Storm on the Coast.

CONY ISLAND, N. Y., Aug. 25.—The most disastrous storm of years, if not of its entire history, howled around Coney island, setting in before midnight and lasting until long after daylight. There are probably 200 buildings, more or less pretensions in size, from the old-fashioned bath houses to Balmer's pavilion, that have been washed up on the beach, destroyed and their contents lost as irretrievably as if by fire.

### Two Drownings in Macatawa Bay.

HOLLAND, Mich., Aug. 25.—While a party of four were out sailing on Macatawa bay, a sudden squall came up which capsized the boat and resulted, in the drowning of John Huan, ex-porter of the steamer Saugutuck, and Miss Jennie Anderson, of Chicago. The bodies of the unfortunates were recovered a short time after. This is the first accident chronicled this season.

### Blew Down a Peach Orchard.

RED BANK, N. J., Aug. 25.—The storm did thousands of dollars' of damage to farm crops in central New Jersey. All the peach trees in the Hon. William H. Grant's orchard at Middleton were blown down. Mr. Grant expected to pick over 5,000 baskets of peaches.

### Baby with the Hydrophobia.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 25.—A child of Edward Merz, 883 Buffum street, was bitten by a dog Sunday and now shows symptoms of hydrophobia. The child is fifteen months old.

### Two Miners Crushed to Death.

WALDENBERG, Colo., Aug. 25.—Two coal miners were killed at Rouse by the wall falling in on them when a shot was fired. Their names could not be learned.

### GOOD FOR 'PROMINENT ATTORNEYS.'

But a Losing Business for the Fellows Who Pay the Freight.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., Aug. 25.—There is a movement here among old soldiers to make a test case of their right to declare their intention of settling on any specified quarter in the strip and take advantage of sections 2,304 and 2,305, revised statutes of the United States and the Oklahoma law to protect them. The statutes say that a soldier may locate his homestead and have six months to file his declaratory statement, make his entry, and commence improvements. The Oklahoma law which applies in the case declares that his rights shall not be abridged by any other law or proclamation.

If this holds good any old soldier may go to the land office as soon as open and make declaration or may do so by mail and without making the run contest the right of any settler who may settle on the quarter he has previously picked out. Major O. M. Wilson, a prominent attorney, and some of his old soldier friends are going to test it and other Grand Army men will be urged to do the same. This will cause a great many contests and result in litigation.

### Minnesota Has Plenty of Money.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 25.—State Treasurer Robleter's attention was called to the statements in the press that there was a shortage in the funds in the hands of the state. He said there was no truth in the report whatever. As a matter of fact, he said, he had in solvent banks no less than \$1,375,000.

### The Brushy Fork Fiend Escapes.

OAKLAND, Ills., Aug. 25.—It is now made certain that Meyers, the rapist, has escaped from the swamp where he lay concealed since last Friday. A search has been made and no trace of him can be found. He has relatives in Indiana and it is thought he has gone there.

### Iowa's "Dry" Republicans.

DES MOINES, Aug. 25.—A mass convention of Polk county prohibition Republicans was held with an audience of 500. An address was issued calling a delegate state convention of Republicans who protest against the action of the late Republican state convention on the prohibitory question to meet in Des Moines, Sept. 5.

## BLOODY FIGHT IMMINENT.

A Kansas Striker Shot by a Negro He Was Helping to Mob.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 25.—The apparent peace in the Pittsburg district has culminated in the shooting of Tom Belson, one of the strikers at Litchfield, by the colored miners working at mine No. 37 of the Kansas and Texas Coal company. The negro was attacked by a mob which shot at him and his companions and they returned the fire, when the mob scattered. Immediately afterward the strikers rallied, and messengers were sent throughout the district to gather recruits. The expressed intention is to make an assault upon the stockade. Word was also sent to the company officers at Pittsburg, who soon collected a posse of armed men, which promptly proceeded to the stockade to protect it from assault. A battle is feared.

## A MONTANA SPAWN OF SATAN.

He Deliberately Murders His Little Companion 4 Years Old.

HELENA, Aug. 25.—Frank Johnson, of Anaconda, aged 11 years, went hunting grouse accompanied by Alex McIntire, aged 4 years. Johnson had a rifle carrying 22-calibre bullets. Not finding any game Johnson said that as he could not kill grouse he would kill his little companion instead. He then deliberately shot him in the neck and left the child lying in a pool of blood. He will probably die. Johnson has not yet been arrested.

## On the Diamond Field.

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—Scores at base ball by League clubs were as follows: At Baltimore—St. Louis 1, Baltimore 5; at Washington—Louisville 9, Washington 10; at Brooklyn—Pittsburg 7, Brooklyn 13; at Philadelphia—Cleveland 0, Philadelphia 7; at Boston—Cincinnati 3, Boston 1; at New York—Chicago 10, New York 4.

## LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS

Chicago, Chicago, Aug. 24.

Live Stock: The prices at the Union Stock yards today ranged as follows: Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 25,000; left over about 14,000; quality good; consisting mainly of heavy lots; market fairly active on packing and shipping account, and firm; prices opened firm advanced about 10c; sales ranged at \$10.00 to \$10.50; 5.40 pigs, \$5.35 to \$5.91 light, \$4.80 to \$4.95 rough packing, \$5.00 to \$5.05 mixed, and \$5.00 to \$5.30 heavy packing and shipping lots.

Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 15,000; quality fair; market rather slow and prices lower; quotations ranged at \$4.50 to \$5.00 choice to extra shipping steers, \$4.10 to \$4.50 good to choice do, \$3.50 to \$4.00 fair to good, \$3.00 to \$3.40 common to medium do, \$2.90 to \$3.00 butchers' steers, \$2.00 to \$2.75 stockers, \$2.00 to \$2.25 feeders, \$1.50 to \$2.00 cows, \$2.00 to \$2.50 heifers, \$1.50 to \$2.25 bulls, \$2.00 to \$2.30 Texas steers, and \$2.50 to \$3.00 veal calves.

Sheep—Estimated receipts for the day, 10,000; quality fair; market rather quiet and prices steady; quotations ranged at \$2.25 to \$3.40 per 100 lbs westerns, \$2.00 to \$2.00 Texans, \$2.00 to \$2.25 natives and \$2.50 to \$3.00 lambs.

Following were the quotations on the Board of Trade today: Wheat—August, opened 60 1/2, closed 60 3/4; September, opened 60 1/2, closed 60 1/2; December, opened 60 1/2, closed 60 1/2; Corn—August, opened 67 1/2, closed 67 1/2; September, opened 67 1/2, closed 67 1/2; May, opened 69 1/2, closed 69 1/2; Oats—August, opened 23 1/2, closed 23 1/2; September, opened 23 1/2, closed 23 1/2; May, opened 24, closed 24; Pork—August, opened 12 1/2, closed 12 1/2; September, opened 12 1/2, closed 12 1/2; October, opened 12 1/2, closed 12 1/2; Lard—September, opened 22 1/2, closed 22 1/2.

Produce: Butter—Fancy separator, 22c per lb; fancy dairy, 18 1/2 to 17 1/2; packing stock, 18c. Eggs—Fresh stock, loss off, 10c per doz. Live poultry—Spring chickens, 11c per lb; hens, 8c; roasters, 5c; turkeys, 11c; ducks, 9c; geese, \$1.00 to \$1.20 per doz. New potatoes—Early Ohio, \$1.80 to \$1.90 per bbl. Apples—New, \$2.00 to \$2.75 per bbl. Honey—White clover, 1-lb sections, 15 1/2 to 16; broken comb 10c; dark comb, good condition, 10 1/2 to 11c; extracted, 40c per lb.

## New York, New York, Aug. 24.

Wheat—September, 67 1/2 to 68 1/4; October, 70 1/4 to 70 3/4; December, 74 1/4 to 74 3/4. Rye—Nominal; western, 55c. Corn—No. 2 quiet and easier at 45 1/4 to 45 3/4; September, 45 1/4 to 45 3/4; October, 47 1/4; Oats—No. 2 quiet and easier; August, 27 1/2; September, 28 1/2; October, 29 1/4 to 29 3/4; November, 30c; state, 30 1/4 to 30 3/4; western, 30 1/4 to 30 3/4. Pork—Steady and dull; new mess, \$14.50 to \$15.00. Lard—Dull and steady, 40c.

## The Local Markets.

GRAIN, ETC. Wheat—74 1/2 to 75. Corn—42 1/2 to 43. New oats—44c. Hay—Timothy, \$10; upland, \$7.50 to \$8.50; silage, \$6.00 to \$7.00; baled, \$10.00 to \$11.00.

PRODUCE. Butter—Fair to choice, 22 1/2 to 23c; creamery, 22c; Eggs—Fresh, 15c. Poultry—Chickens, 13c; turkeys 1 1/4; ducks 12 1/4; geese, 10c.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES. Apples—\$2.50 to \$3 per bbl. Potatoes—45c. Onions—7c per bu. Turnips—4c per bu.

LIVE STOCK. Cattle—Butchers pay for corn fed steer 42 1/4 to 43c; cows and heifers, 35 1/2 to 36c 40c. Hogs—5 1/2 to 6c. Sheep—45c.

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